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Attorney General John Ashcroft
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

Last November there was finally a settlement hammered-out between Microsoft and the Department of Justice, which ended the three-year antitrust lawsuit. This settlement was a long time coming, and I hope that it will be approved as soon as possible.

Microsoft had to concede more than they would have liked in the settlement, but after everything is all said and done, the biggest winner will be the economy. Microsoft has agreed not to retaliate against software or hardware developers who develop or promote software that competes with Windows or that runs on software that competes with Windows. This will allow the competition to bring their product to the marketplace without having to worry about being punished by Microsoft. This will give a much-needed shot in the arm to the economy.

I am in favor of the settlement between Microsoft and the Department of Justice, and would like to go on record as being so.

Sincerely,

Veronica S. Deluca